



Brightening the Outlook

Mountain City Electric Paintsville, Kentucky

Mountain City Electric (MCE) provides electrical contracting services in Johnson County, Kentucky. The business is owned and operated by Matt Williams and Darrick Preston, both master electricians, who established the business in 2005. As is the case for many businesses in the country, 2009 was a tough year for MCE. MACED extended a \$35,000 loan in June 2010 to help pay some outstanding bills and provide cash to cover operating expenses in the interval before receiving payment for completed work.

Matt and Derrick also benefitted from MACED's energy consulting services and access to its free energy audit equipment library, which helped them identify options for reducing MCE's energy use and cost—steps that should ultimately improve the business's operating cash flow. MACED provided technical assistance on expanding their business to include the provision of energy assessments and helped MCE secure work with the local school district to replace inefficient lighting and exit signs. The school district's replacement of 300 incandescent exit signs with LED exit signs will lower the district's electricity bill and prevent about 71.2 metric tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per year.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Development Impact

Business that pays high wages supported.

Distressed county business supported.

Energy efficiency promoted.



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